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Halloween is behind us. The Fall colors here are gorgeous. Hunting season is underway. Thanksgiving is coming soon.

With this issue, I'm passing the "writing" duty baton for this space to our Editor, Amy Marschner. From now on she'll be keeping you informed about activities on the island in general and the newspaper in particular.

Owned by the Historical Society since February, our first issue was published in April. In time to feature pictures from Saint Patrick's Day here on the Emerald Isle. It was 32 pages long, 24 of them in color. We're proud that your November copy has 36 pages, all in color.

Thanks to our original loyal, plus many new subscribers, and our advertisers both new and old, the Northern Islander is here to stay. The Historical Society's effort to save local journalism, to keep our community bulletin board publication alive, has succeeded.

Our commitment to each of you stays the same—to provide an interesting, informative, engaging, entertaining, tactile reading experience each month.

I'm not stepping down. Just stepping to the side a bit. My own goal as a Historical Society Board member is achieved—the Northern Islander is launched, in solid financial shape with the right professional team in place.

Continued leadership guidance is secure under Historical Society Board President Angela LeFevre-Welke and Executive Director Lori Taylor-Blitz. Most importantly, Editor Amy Marschner is on the job and doing it with dedication, creative vision and complete integrity. We're all lucky she's here on the island, bringing her own extraordinary career expertise to the position.

Forward.

George Broder

It is both an honor and pleasure to be part of the Northern Islander family as the Content Strategist, Creative Designer, and Editor. I joined the paper in May and have thoroughly enjoyed the journey thus far and eagerly await our future together. I will share some of my story, island roots, and objectives of how we will make the Northern Islander a force to reckon with within the December issue and beyond. Thank you to the Beaver Island Historical Society for resurrecting the paper and to both our subscribers and advertisers, as without you this would not have been a possibility.

Here's to our next issue together,
Amy Marschner

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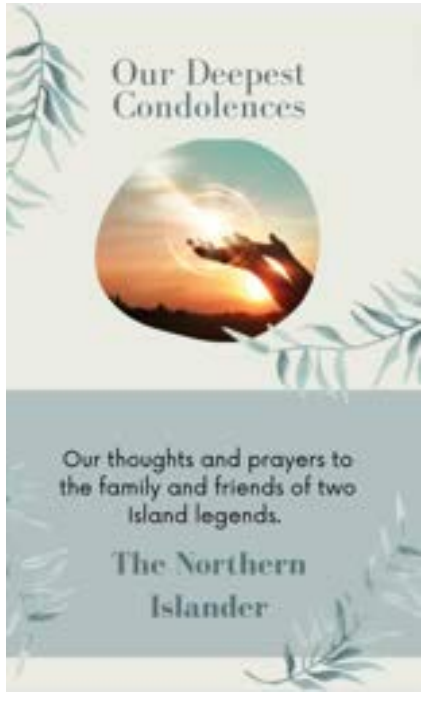
Our Deepest Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of two Island legends.
The Northern Islander

Print Shop Perspective

Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History Alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

Fall accolades for our Autumn colors and fun. Fall events such as the Elks Poker Run and Fall on the Harbor. Both events supported school sports and much fun was had by all! We have so much to be thankful for as a community and organization. From dedicated board members, employees, docents, volunteers and for myself, a loving family and good friends.

As you reflect upon all you are grateful for this Thanksgiving season consider participating in Giving Tuesday. What is Giving Tuesday? The Giving Tuesday website notes, Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Join the movement and give to our local organizations on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – whether it's some of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in your local community.

Several of our community organizations are participating this year. The BI Community Center, Patrons of Arts in Rural Communities, and the Beaver Island Historical Society.

For the Historical Society, we will once again be raising money for the Beaver Head Lighthouse. All donations received will be restricted to supporting the restoration activities. You will read elsewhere in the paper this month how lighthouse funds were used recently to purchase needed paint supplies. Keeping our Island's historical landmark looking good needs your ongoing support. If you would like to support the Beaver Head Lighthouse Preservation project, please visit our website or Facebook page to donate online or mail to PO Box 263, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Looking towards December, the Historical Society will host a holiday event. Would you like to exhibit your unique family holiday collection? We will be open a few days in December and will be decorating the Print Shop Museum. We will clear our display cases and make space for your holiday treasures. All exhibit items will be returned to you after the holidays. Questions? Give me a call 231-448-2254.

With thankful appreciation,

Lori

MEET SHERI TIMSAK

My name is Sheri Timsak – I have been a board member of the Beaver Island Historical Society for many years, not sure exactly how many. My parents LaDonis Mooney and Eleanor Pischner Mooney and my grandparents were born and raised on Beaver Island and my parents moved us back here when I was 15 years old. My parents and grandparents were integral parts of the island and did various jobs here. My maternal grandfather Elston Pischner worked for the County Road Commission, but also owned and managed the sawmill. My paternal grandfather Francis Mooney was a barber on the island and my father LaDonis Mooney was an electrician here for 40 years. My history here is mainly the reason for my wanting to become a part of the Historical Society, by helping preserve the history of the island, it is also preserving mine.

I have worked for the Beaver Island Boat Company for 26 years, raised my 3 children here with my husband Joe. I have met so many amazing people over the years and seen their love of the island. I have also been part of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce for many years and my husband has been a volunteer firefighter for at least 40 years and I have been part of the Beaver Island Fire Auxiliary. I also do a weekly Country Classics radio show Saturday nights from 5-7pm on WVBI the only radio station in the middle of a lake on an island. My love for Beaver Island stems from my deep roots here. I love to talk to people about the history of my family here and it is so great to see and hear new people's reactions to the island. I always say that there is no in between with Beaver Island – it is a love or hate place and most people love it – as do I !!!

BEAVER HEAD LIGHTHOUSE- WHY THIS PLACE MATTERS!

By Amy Marschner

The Beaver Head Lighthouse has often been referred to as one of, it not, the most iconic land mark on the island and each season it is visited by over 6,000 people. It was built in 1858, and is the third oldest lighthouse in the Great Lakes. The structure is jointly owned and operated by Charlevoix County and Networks Northwest led by The Beaver Island Historical Society. As one can imagine, it takes an army of dedicated and passionate volunteers to keep it a unique treasure for all to enjoy.

The 150th anniversary marked the start of a journey to restore its glory and while all the work required is not yet fully funded, several groups are dedicated to the completion.

In 2016, Dick McEvoy began a loud but proud “call of arms” partnering with Lori-Taylor Blitz (Executive Director) that jump-started the Beaver preservation project. As past seasons come to an end, the countless volunteers and dedicated team members completed a series of major Island restoration efforts will continue in the spring.

Photo Credit: Jeff Cashman

A short list of work performed:

- Repaired the broken windows
- Planted flowers
- Interior cleaning
- Replaced the entrance with a custom teak door created and donated by Tony Gatliff/Great Lakes Woodworking
- Painting, scraping and caulking the porches
- Skirting and siding
- Added cedar shakes and window trim of the Keepers Quarters
- Rented a boom lift from Simple Life Tree Care LLC (operated by our own Bonnie Cull-Rice) that enabled the high work to be handled by Dave DeRosia, Craig Turnball, Horst Blessing and Keith Brothers
- A series of volunteers rose to the challenge to help paint the doors, porches, light posts and fuel tank at the Keepers Quarters (Doug Fulp, David Nedwick, Linda Wearn, Carol Aram, Tom Reynolds, Bonnie Cull-Rice and many others)

I had the lovely opportunity to have sat down with four of the volunteers to interview them about “Why this place matters?” and they kindly shared their passion and stories.

Bonnie Cull-Rice, a seventh generation islander said, “Having family dating back to the 1850’s, this place is my heritage, one of the many reasons I get involved.”

Linda Wearn, a fith generation islander shared her passion about the Lighthouse was grounded by deep family history. Her Great-Grandpa, Bert McDonough, was a light house keeper for several years, leading to an emotional connection with the project.

Carol Aram, seasonal resident since 1992, spoke about her love for historical preservation. “It’s the icon of the island. Why would you tear something so beautful down, rather than restore it for all to enjoy.”

All three spoke about the joy of meeting new people, being part of the community and rallying behing the camaraderie watching their efforts come to life. Afterall, painting something other than our own homes is actual fun! They also shared that when “Dickie calls and tells us to do it, we just simply do it.” Dickie then followed up with the following analogy, “I’m the spark and they are the flame”.

I myself have endless childhood memories climbing those spiral stairs and then sharing it with my own daughter, Claudia who is now 24. I would imagine that everyone reading this story can stop and think about a fond moment shared at the Beaver Head Lighthouse. I applaud the endless hours and the passionate volunteers who work all year to help preserve this iconic landmark. I encourage others to raise your hand and join the continuous efforts to preserve this landmark ensuring it is around for future generations.

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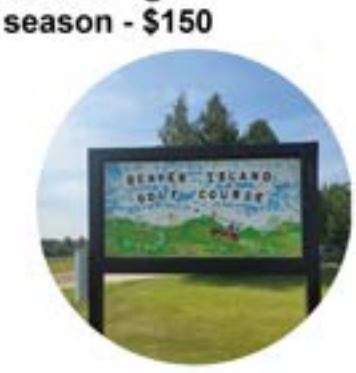

Joint communications from Peaine Township and St. James Supervisors: Shipping Container uses on Beaver Island.

By Bobbi Welke and Maria Dal Pra, your Township Supervisors

Shipping Containers: What you should know
Shipping containers are fast becoming an efficient and effective option to store goods and personal items without having to go through the construction process to have an accessory building. Additionally, all over social media, people can be seen building beautiful homes using 2-3-4 shipping containers, all under the guise that it is a less expensive way to afford a home. For this month's communication, we'd like to share information to help eliminate mystery surrounding shipping containers and their use on Beaver Island.

Shipping Containers as an accessory building
Beaver Island's current zoning laws permit shipping container use as accessory buildings without any requirements for a foundation. Just like any other accessory building, a property owner must obtain a zoning permit to allow for the placement of the container on the property. The number of containers permitted on the property is dependent on how the property is zoned. For example, an R1 property is zoned to allow for a house, a guest house, and two accessory buildings, meaning two shipping containers are permitted on an R1 property as long as the easements and setbacks are adhered to and there are no other accessory buildings. Another example using R1 zoning would be a house, a guest house, a detached garage, and one shipping container. Current zoning also does not restrict the size or aesthetics of the shipping container, however, a shipping container can become a non-conforming accessory building subject to the nuisance ordinance.

What is meant by aesthetics addresses the attractiveness and condition of the container to an onlooker from the road or the air. Shipping containers can come in a variety of colors that are disruptive to the landscape or perhaps a little hard on the eyes. There is no current zoning restriction on the color or condition of the shipping container that is used, but there are Beaver Island residents who take this into consideration and have painted their accessory shipping container, including the top, to most closely match the surrounding landscape so that it blends in. Of course, this is currently optional but perhaps one that owners may want to consider. Property owners should also consider the condition of the shipping container if purchasing used to ensure it can be utilized for its designated purpose in order to avoid the container becoming a nonconforming accessory building.

Shipping containers as a home
Beaver Island's current zoning laws do not prohibit using shipping containers as a home as long as the minimum square footage is met and easements and setbacks are followed. But, after an extensive conversation with Charlevoix County Building Safety, we can share that the processby which making the home legally occupiable is incredibly cost prohibitive due to the laws in the State of Michigan and the failure rate in the state of Michigan for attempts to build container homes is high due to those same codes and laws in the state.

As an example, to meet the minimum size requirements of 600 sq ft., two 40X8 containers would need to be combined. This would require removing steel to open passageways and install windows and doors. In doing so, the integrity of the container is compromised, and then requires the hiring of an engineer to provide plans for the adjustments and a certified welder to complete the work, along with any number of other required reinforcements to the container. Additionally, because there is no way to know the snow load of the container roofs, one roof will be required to be built over the entire structure to ensure code compliance. Next, the energy code will need to be met, requiring framing to insulate at the required R Value which will reduce the interior living space by approximately 1' around the entire living area. All of the MI Residential Codes for 1 and 2 family dwellings will need to be met without compromise. Reinforcing the structure of the containers as required by law almost completely eliminates the original intent to build a shipping container home. And, many times a creative endeavor such as this will run into significant setbacks due to laws or requirements that were not identified or known by the home-owner at the onset of the project resulting in a project costing far more than simply building a traditional small home.

In conclusion, the information gathered surrounding the use of Shipping Containers under our current zoning ordinances allows for their use both as an accessory building and conversion into a home. However, based on the information gathered and presented to the community in this article, we would advise to stick with using a shipping container only as an accessory building, allowable per the zoning of your property.

The Beaver Head Lighthouse beach access steps have been repaired!

Many thanks to Charlevoix County Maintenance Department who arranged to work alongside Peaine Township Maintenance to repair the steps

→ PeaineTownship

The emergency call box at Bill Wagner Memorial Campground is installed as of this publication! Pending testing procedures, the call box will be fully operational.

Many thanks to those who worked to ensure completion of the project in 2023 including Roberts John Services, the DNR, TDS, and Great Lakes Energy

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*Image from Iron Ore Bay

EDUCATION CORNER: EVERY MONTH LET'S LEARN ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL FROM OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The Northern Islander is honored to be partnering with the Beaver Island Community School to create this monthly column to bring you the latest educational news. One of our goals here at the paper is to support local journalism regardless of the age of our writers and content contributors. We are pleased to present our first in a series of student submitted articles for the November issue and are proud to introduce you to two talented sixth grade students Zia Duffing (pictured on the left) and Olive Ledbetter (pictured on the right). These ambitious young ladies took time to research, interview and write articles for the paper. Stay tuned as we experience more from our gifted student body at the Beaver Island Community School.

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MEET OUR NEWEST TEACHER DR. LOIS M. CAMPBELL

By Olive Ledbetter

Dr. Lois M. Campbell (or Dr. C, as her students call her) recently moved to the Island, becoming Beaver Island Community School's Kindergarten - 6th-grade science teacher and 1st - 2nd-grade homeroom teacher. Though she bought a house here two years ago, Dr. C only moved up once a new teaching position opened for her.

Growing up on a farm in Indiana, Dr. C learned to drive a tractor at ten years old and loved helping with the animals and harvesting the crops. She grew up with a family of five and often did animal shows with her family. Dr. Campbell also says that she has been through many tornadoes. In school, she had always liked all of her teachers, and had an exceptional high school science teacher. Her first-grade teacher, along with her mother, were the people who inspired Dr. C to become a teacher. In school, she took Band, played the French horn and piano, and was in the school choir.

Dr. Campbell earned her undergraduate degree at Purdue, took classes at Northern Arizona University while teaching at a Navajo school, and then went back to Purdue to get her Ph.D. Dr. Campbell has taught in Utah, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Michigan. Since Dr. C's mother grew up in Michigan, she and her husband were familiar with Beaver Island. Dr.C says she was always an outdoor person, so, of course, absolutely loves the island and has yet to discover any downsides to living on Beaver Island. She loves the freedom of teaching here and the fact that she can push her students to learn. She also says that her favorite experiments are when the students don't know the answer, so they can learn and figure it out. Dr. C loves having a large book library in her classroom!

Dr. Campbell says that some of her favorite, most exciting life experiences are when she trained with NASA, met a few astronauts, and while she was there, got to touch real moon rocks! Another exciting experience she had, was when she was in middle school, and she and her siblings got to teach her mother how to drive a car in a big, open field. Her mother grew up in Detroit and had only ridden street cars. Dr. C has also worked in outdoor education for ten years as a naturalist and a trip coordinator. Some of Dr. C's favorite activities and hobbies include stargazing, baking, quilting, hiking, and canoeing.

As a student of Dr. Campbell's, I am very thankful for a teacher like her to come to our school. I very much appreciate the way she teaches with hands-on learning, leading to a better understanding of what is being taught. In one of my favorite labs that she has done with us, Dr. C showed us how to cut Christmas lights, hook them up to batteries, and find what different objects could conduct electricity. Overall, BICS is very lucky to have Dr. Campbell and all her skill of teaching.

AUTHOR ALAN GRATZ VISITS BEAVER ISLAND

By Zia Duffing

New York Times Best Selling author Alan Gratz traveled to Beaver Island for a presentation on his books. During the presentation, Mr Gratz explained what it was like to be an author and what inspired him to write some of his books.

When Mr. Gratz was a child, he wrote a newsletter for the people of his neighborhood as well as many stories at school. When he became older, Alan Gratz accompanied a journalist, taking notes while they did their work. He then decided that he no longer wanted to be a journalist but instead wanted to become a creative writer. He wanted to have the freedom and flexibility to show his artistic side.

Alan Gratz spoke about his books to the 4th-12th graders. *Two Degrees, Grenade*, and *Refugee*. Refugee Gratz says," is the most popular book he has ever published." This book is about three kids. Josef, a Jewish boy who leaves Nazi Germany in 1938. Another child, Isabel, flees Cuba with her family in 1994. The third child, Mahmoud, along with his family fled Syria in 2015. To know more about "Refugee" and Mr. Gratz's other books go to www.alangratz.com.

Seeing Alan Gratz's presentation, I must say that I was very fascinated hearing about how much effort went into his books. It was really interesting to hear about how he got his inspiration to write his different books and how many drafts it took to finish just one book. In my opinion, Grenade was the most interesting book to hear about. If you like historical fiction, then Alan Gratz's books are the books for you.

STORIES FROM THE FRONT PORCH

By Michelle LaFreniere

My story starts and continues on Beaver Island. I was born here in 1966 in the building that now also houses St. James Township offices. It was half the size it is now with no garage. It was our Medical Center, and loads of Islanders were born here. I grew up here, graduating in 1984 and leaving the Island in 1986. I returned 15 years later, in 2001. It was almost immediately evident to me that I was HOME. The sounds of the church bells on the hour, the slow roll of cars going by, the boat coming into the harbor, the salute of the boat as it left the harbor, and the return salute from the dock office, the sunrises and sunsets all brought me right back to the best years of my life. I knew I had made the right decision.

For years I have dreamed of writing a book about the eclectic men and women of Beaver Island: I would take a picture of them standing on their front porch and interview them about their views of the Island and the world around them. I wanted to find out what they were passionate about and share that with the world. My interest began very early on, right after Isabelle Kenwabikise passed away. I always wished I had taken the time to talk more with her. She was the coolest cat on the Back Highway. There have been so many since (and in retrospect) who I wish I had learned more about.

Fast forward 22 years, and here I am, still wanting to write that book. This is my compromise. Each month you will get to read a chapter of my book. I hope you like it.

MEET NEAL GREEN

There is a new Sheriff in town. Neal Green is the new deputy, but he is anything but new to the island. He spent his entire childhood here. This is his home. On his grandmother's side he is a 6th generation islander. On his grandfather's side he is fifth generation.

Neal and I met over coffee on a brisk fall morning. We started off talking about him being the new deputy, and I quickly learned that he was a whole lot more than that.

He started his service to our community as a volunteer firefighter about five years ago. Not too long after he completed his firefighter training he decided to become a member of BIEMS. His current role there is a Medical First Responder. I can personally attest to his calm levelheaded demeanor in that role. I have had people tell me that he is very reassuring in the face of scary situations. Exactly what you want in a deputy. The fact that this is his home, he has great pride in our town and there is really no place he would rather be cements the fact that he is a great fit for us. He loves his job most days.

Neal used to live next door to my dad on Freesoil when he was little. I can remember him and the Heller girls playing outside on a fall day much like today. I asked him about his Grandma, (A. Joy McDonough Green) he told me that both his Grandma and Grandpa were very near and dear to him. His Grandma gave him his first job in her bakery. He made the doughnuts, and helped her deliver the doughnuts, buns and breads to the local stores and restaurants. She paid him $35 a week. He had to buy a savings bond with $25 of it and the other $10 was his to spend. What a wonderful way to teach a young person about the value of saving. His childhood dreams did not include being a baker though. In no particular order, he wanted to be a submariner like Mr. Myers, a boat captain like his Grandpa Russell Green and an FBI agent. I think he has been pretty darn successful.

He spent eight years in the Navy, five of it on a submarine. The USS Hampton to be precise. He says of his Navy years, "it was an experience". It was a lot of time away from his home and his family. I said it would be hard for a young adult from a large and very connected family to be so far from home. He said yes, but he thinks kids should spread their wings and see what's out there. He said, and I agree, it really makes you appreciate what we have here.

He secured his boat captain's license a few years back and looks forward to next summer. Levi Connor will be done with the police academy and working so Neal can take his turn at the helm of the Beaver Islander. It happens to be the boat that his Grandpa retired from as Senior Captain for the BIBCO.

Neal, in his precious little spare time, loves to cook. He likes to experiment with recipes, trying to recreate some of his restaurant favorites and modify others. I was both surprised and not surprised by this. His mother (Beth Anne Green Lucas) is a fabulous cook! That apple didn't fall far from the tree. In the past, travel has been near the top of his priority list, and he is hoping to get back to that a little bit. International travel is his favorite, really anywhere he hasn't been is what he loves. He loves going and he loves coming home.

He has some property on the west side of the island that he enjoys spending time at, with hopes to someday build a cabin there. A few more favorite spots and things are all of the inland lakes. He says they are all special for different reasons. And of course, Iron Ore Bay. He likes to take his dog, Mara, out there. She loves to run on the beach. Mara is the softest short hair dog I have ever met. Seriously. I asked Neal about her coat. He said she came to him with that and it stayed. It never did get coarse. Family is everything to Neal. He enjoys spending time with his folks, going out on their boat. He has his own boat too. He was never able to get it in the water this year. Maybe next year..

I am glad you love coming home. I hope you get time to do all the things you've missed. We are glad you are back. Thanks for having coffee with me. ***On a side note, Neal's Grandma's doughnuts were the stuff dreams were made of. The pink ones were my favorite, and I can still see and smell them. On Sunday mornings after Mass it would be a race to get to McDonough's Store before they sold out!

News from the Beaver Island Community Center

The heart of autumn is upon us, as island folk don heavy coats and watch the last months of ferry service wind down. But your Community Center stays warm and inviting with programs and services for your enjoyment, some scheduled and some still in the planning stages. Stay tuned to the BIC Center's website and social media platforms for updates - especially the Community Calendar at biccenter.org.

Among programs being mapped out are a series of senior activities courtesy of the local Commision on Aging office, including additional exercise programs, bingo games, and a monthly luncheon, with info posted when details are finalized. Previews of December holiday events will be shared online as well, once those elements are in place.

One highlight worth marking your calendar for is the E-Bike raffle drawing, slated for Saturday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shamrock Bar & Restaurant. This year's fundraiser for the BIC Center & WVBI features two Rad Rover electric bikes with fat tires well-suited for island byways, boasting a 40 mile range and two different frame styles, both a high-bar and step-through model. Tickets are available until the evening of November 25, with one ticket for $50.00 and three tickets for $100.00. You don't have to be present to win. For rules and additional details, visit biccenter.org/rules.

Meanwhile our regular offerings continue, including Arthritis Foundation Exercise Programs at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Friday in the Hangout, Time for Art classes at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday in the theater, and Games Galore at 1:00 p.m. Thursday upstairs. Pickleball will move back inside to our theater whenever November's weather gives the order. See you this month at your Community Center!

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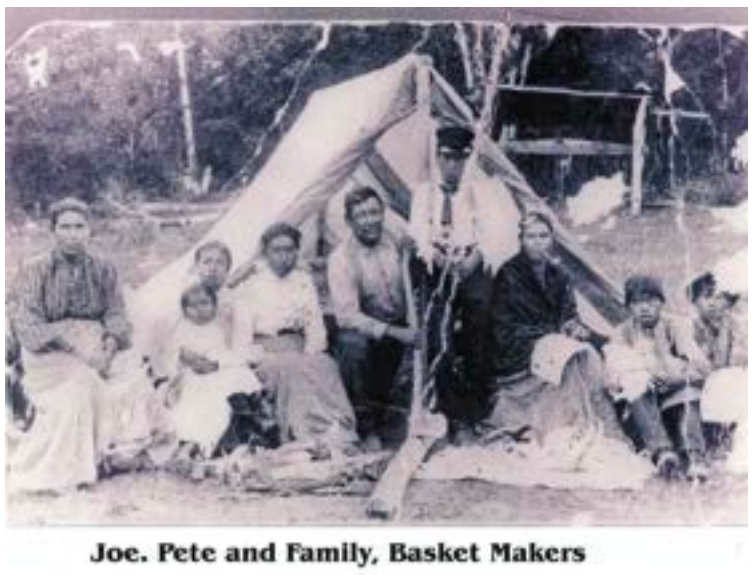

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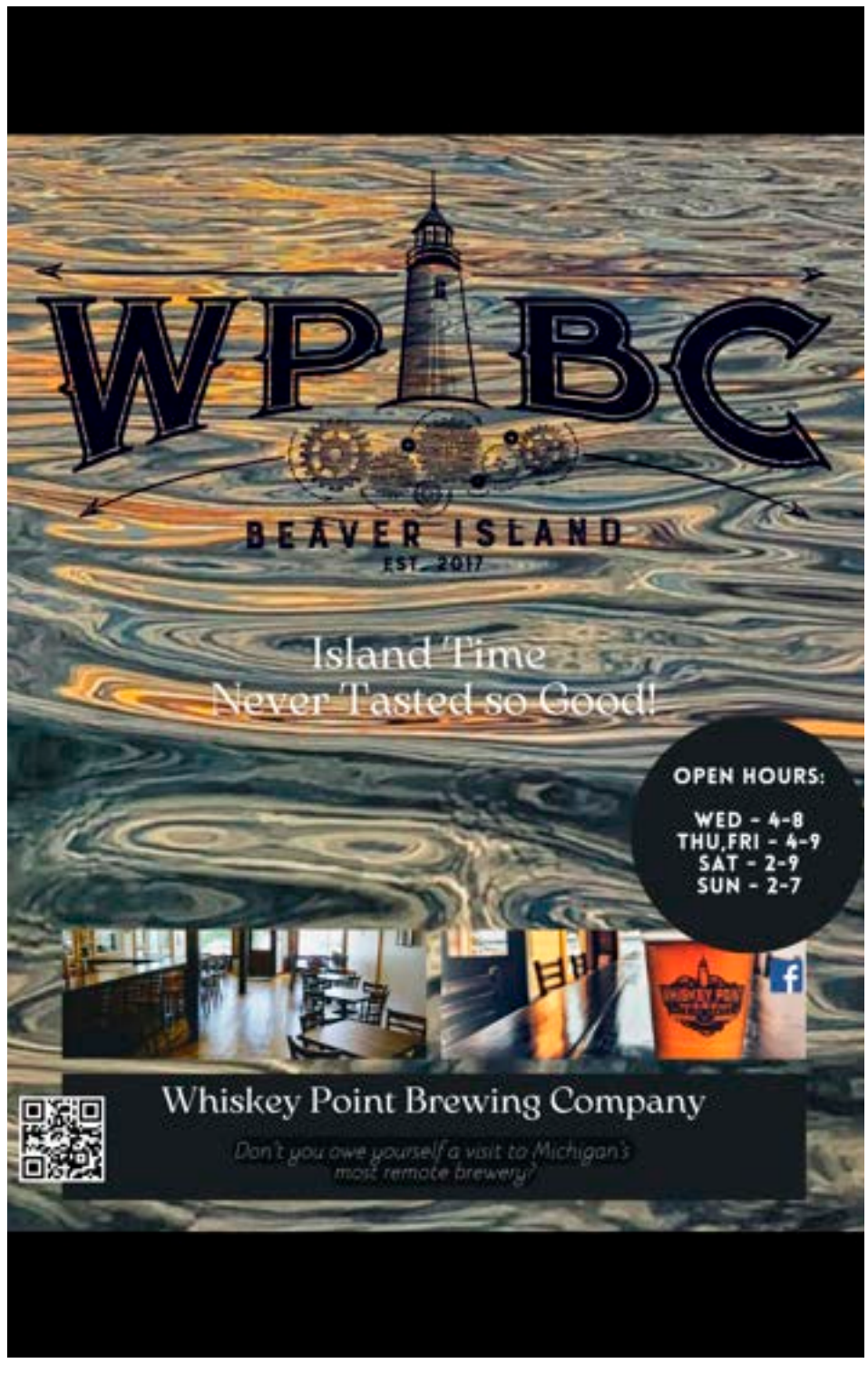

CHANGES TO KARNES DEVELOPMENT RULES ALLOW FOR NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

By Amy Marschner

What is going on along the west side Karnes Drive? The first small home is under construction using premade wall units. Let us explain what is going on. It is worth sharing that as this subdivision was established in the early 2000s. The Master Deed, which is part of the subdivision's founding documents, declared that each building built here needed to be two-story with commercial oriented on the first floor with residential occupancy on the upper floor, like buildings in the downtown area. A potential property owner asked Ed Wojan if there could be changes to this deed as there was interest in building a single-story residence. He thought quickly and responded, "Let me work to make the documentation change from the required two-story buildings into one-story." This property now uses the Harbor District allowance of residential homes, commercial uses, and a combination of each (if a special use permit is approved). After a few months, this documentation change was completed, and property began being purchased within this subdivision.

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The property owner purposely selected the innovative PWF Wall Panel Construction process to reduce the construction time. PWF stands for Permanent Wood Foundation. This process can be visualized by having a concrete footing placed and then pressure-treated lumber and sheathing (for 100-year water proofing) which are built as wall panels be set onto the footing to act as the foundation wall (for a crawlspace in this project).

After some additional water proofing is placed on the outside of the foundation, it is then backfilled with some stone for drainage purposes and then the sandy soil (excavated from the site) is placed and compacted along both sides of the wall. The floor joists and sub-flooring are installed next followed by the placement of the exterior and interior walls – all made as wall panels. Then the work progresses like standard home construction - roof trusses installed, along with the roofing material, and then the windows and doors are placed followed by the siding. Depending on door delivery, all this work should be completed before winter starts. The piles of lumber seen at this site between October 12 and 16 are all the foundation and exterior/interior wall units. There are 32 foundation wall sections and 29 exterior/interior wall sections. The roof trusses and front porch timbers should be on the October 19 boat.

As the project progresses, more reports will be shared for those who are interested in this type of a home building.

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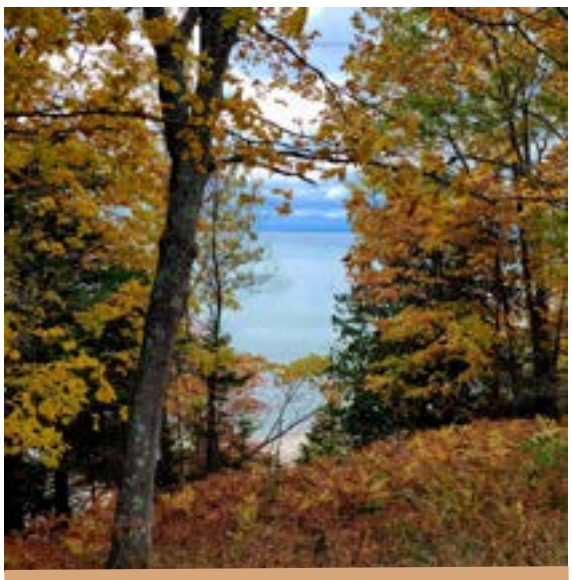
BEAVER ISLAND DOES NOT DISAPPOINT- FALL COLORS HAVE ARRIVED

By Amy Marschner

Islanders and our visitors have been enjoying our changing colors, however, we wanted to share the breath-taking landscape with our entire subscriber base. As you may know, we have many talented photographers here, so please enjoy the views through their lens.



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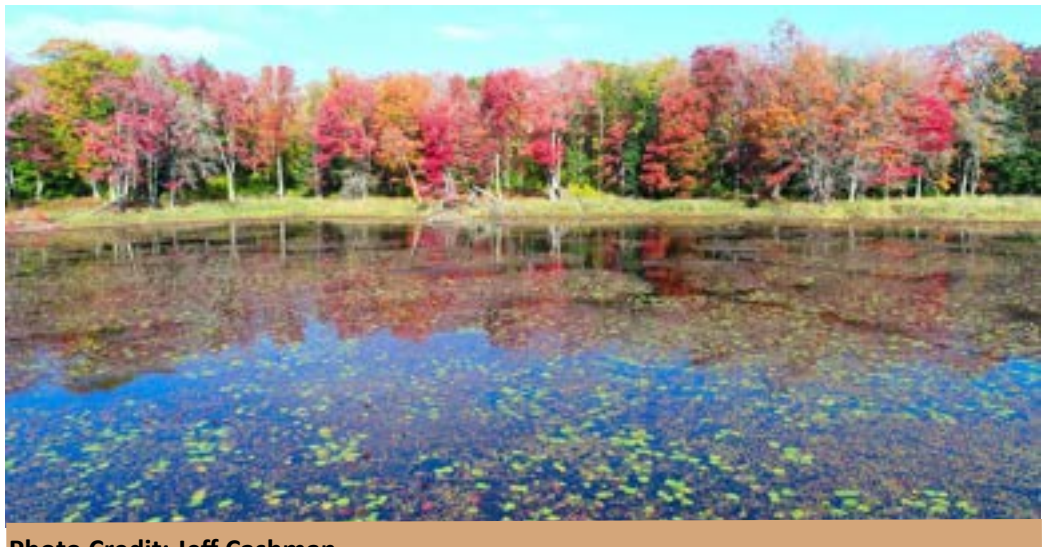

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Five Commissioners were present.
Excused: Commissioner Jess.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #23-106, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #23-107, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion to move forward with Elaine Keiser Design and Engineering Professional Service Agreements for the new Commission on Aging Senior Center. 4.1 Nays – Commissioner Christensen.

Motion to authorize Northern Homes to list the Division Street property on the rental market for a lease not to exceed June 30, 2024 with rent payments based on the income recommendation from Northern Homes. 4.1 Nays – Commissioner Harmon.

Motion to appoint Sue Metzger as the Democratic member to the Charlevoix County Canvass Board. 5.0.

Motion to appoint April Raycraft as the Republican member to the Charlevoix County Canvass Board. 5.0.

Motion approved Resolution #23-108, Court Compliance Officer.

Motion approved Resolution #23-109, Civil Counsel Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #23-110, Beaver Island Meal Program Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #23-111, Grandvue Charlevoix County Medical Care

Facility and SEIU Healthcare Michigan Letter of Understanding.

Motion approved Resolution #23-112, CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Grant Letter of Intent.

Motion approved Resolution #23-113, Project Authorization FY 2023 Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program.

Motion approved Resolution #23-114, Charlevoix County Transit TripSpark Dispatch Software.

Motion approved Resolution #23-115, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) Contract Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #23-116, Independent Contractor Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:55 p.m.
Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website,
www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on October 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #23-117, County Expenditures.

Motion approved the reappointment of Mary Jason to the Department of Health and Human Services Board.

Motion approved Resolution #23-118, 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #23-119, 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant Work Agreement/Quarterly Report.

Motion approved Resolution #23-120, 2023 Apportionment Report.

Motion approved to amend the Whiting Park Boat Launch Bid Resolution to include language, “contingent upon Tri-County Excavating accepts the revised cost saving estimates proposed by Performance Engineers”.

Motion approved Resolution #23-121, Whiting Park Boat Launch Bid, as amended.

Motion approved Resolution #23-122, Sheriff’s Vehicle Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #23-123, Sheriff’s Vehicle Outfit Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #23-124, Sheriff’s Touch Pad Computer Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #23-125, Sheriff’s Equipment Purchase.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:43 a.m.

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PLANNING COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

By Pam Grassmick

On October 5, 2023, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners toured Beaver Island and held their monthly meeting at the Peaine Township Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet the township officials and organizations to hear about island planning initiatives along with suggestions and concerns. Kevin Boyle and Dick Mulvihill presented on the broadband project followed by Mary Cook discussing the Beaver Island Transportation Authority's priorities. The commissioners expressed their admiration for the hard work being done to promote the island and enhance life for residents and visitors.

HONORING OUR PAST

By Sue Oole

A few years ago, I was asked to lead a cemetery walk in the St. James Township Cemetery. It is the oldest cemetery on the island and, if you have walked there, you will notice many unmarked graves and not many graves of known islanders. In the days leading up to the date of the walk, I visited the cemetery several times hoping to find the right words to use when introducing folks to the few graves of people they had known. Then it came to me. . .this is one part of what I shared.

I think we have all enjoyed these cemetery walks and hearing about people who have been a part of Beaver Island over the years. What is most important is hearing about the contributions they made to help make the island what it is today. So, I don't believe that we need to limit the stories to only people who are buried here, but we should include people who aren't buried here, but maybe should be, because they were a big part of island life during their lifetime.

So, I'm going to talk today about someone who many of you probably knew but haven't thought about in several years. Someone who always gave his best for the island and its people. And sometimes even risked his life to make this a good place for all of us. Today, I want us to remember Karl Kuebler, the man for who the Kuebler Trail is named.

- Karl came to the island in 1942 on assignment from the Conservation Department where he served for a total of 45 years. Until 1958 he was the protector of all wild things and places on Beaver Island. He was our fire warden, game officer, weather observer, fish guardian, and all-around conservation boss on the Beaver Island group.
- He owned and trained dozens of excellent hounds for fox, coyote, or racoon hunting and used some of these dogs to reduce our coyote population that was reducing our deer herd. He organized coyote hunts with islanders taking part and during his first 11 years here he, himself, killed 39 coyotes.
- The most amazing thing about all this is that he did it with one hand. When he was 18 Karl lost his left hand and some of his arm in a hunting accident. He pretty much blazed the Kuebler Trail with one hand and an axe. Karl and my dad (Art Johnston) would trap beaver together and my dad was always amazed at how Karl could handle the traps and the beaver.
- The best thing for me was that Karl was my buddy. He was a bachelor and lived alone but ate all his meals at the Lodge. My grandfather, "Jack" Johnston, built Beaver Lodge and my parents were the managers so that is where we lived. It was usually Karl and me at the table in the kitchen having our meal together. In the winter he would time it so he was there when I needed to go to school, and he would drive me in his truck, so I didn't have to walk in the snow.
- Karl also made frequent trips around the island to check on things and he would stop and pick up pop and beer bottles that people had thrown out of their cars. He always brought them to me so I could turn them in at the Shamrock for spending money.
- Over his years with the Conservation Department Karl had many brushes with death but said his most harrowing experience was when he got poison ivy. He said, "It was so bad I almost died for fright!"
- So, the next time you walk the Kuebler Trail, think about the man who, for 16 years, took care of Beaver Island and its people.

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NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
funfacts ***For the most-up-date island events please visit the BIC Calendar. We send our paper to print and dates are subject to have changed after we submit.*** ***https://bicenter.org/calemdar/***			**1** • **9:00 am** Peaine Township Planning Meeting • **1:00 pm** St. James Finance Committee Meeting • **3:30 pm** Facilities Committee Meeting • **5:00 pm** Time for Art • **7:00pm** BINGO	**2** • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **10am** Pickleball Outdoors • **1pm** Games Galore • **5pm** Burger & a Beer	**3** • **10:30 am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program • **3:30pm** Segment II Drivers Ed **Christmas Cantata- 3pm at BI Christian Church** **5-6:30pm EIKS Burger Night- Free burger for Veterans**	**4** • **9:00am** Hilling-up the Vines at Antho • **10am** Pickleball Outdoors • **11am** Segment II Drivers Ed • **1pm** Lego Club
5 • **9am** Segment II Drivers Ed • **10am** Beaver Island Christian Church Worship • **12:15 pm** Sunday Mass at 12:15	**6** • **5pm** All you can eat Pizza & Salad	**7** • **10am** Pickleball Outdoors • **10:30am** Arthritis Exercise Program • **6pm** St. James Township Planning Commision **No Election this year**	**8** • **5:30pm** BICS COTW Meeting • **5:30pm** St. James Township Board Meeting	**9** • **7am** Dark Sky Event: Moon Meets Venus • **10am** Pickleball Outdoors • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **1pm** Games Galore • **5pm** Burger & Beer **6:30pm ELKS Meeting**	**10** • **10:30 am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	**11** • **10am** Pickleball Outdoors • **1pm** Lego Club • **4pm** Movie-Blue Beetle • **7pm** Movie Saving Private Ryan **Happy Veterans Day**
12 • **10am** Beaver Island Christian Church Worship • **10am** Pickleball Outdoors • **12:15 pm** Sunday Mass	**13** • **5pm** All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad • **6:30pm** School Board Meeting • **7pm** Beaver Island Christian Church Board Meeting	**14** • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Exercise Program • **12pm** Beaver Island Transportation Authority Board Meeting • **5:30pm** Peaine Township Board Meeting	**15** • **11am** St. James Township Public Works Committee Meeting • **5pm** Time for Art	**16** • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **10am** Pickleball • **1pm** Games Galore • **4:30pm** Beaver Island Telecommunications Advisory Meeting • **5pm** Beaver Island District Library Board Meeting • **5pm** Burger & a Beer	**17** • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	**18** • **1pm** Lego Club
19 • **10am** Beaver Island Christian Church Worship • **12:15 pm** Sunday Mass	**20** • **5pm** All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad • **6pm** Dark Sky Event: Saturn hangs by the moon	**21** • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Exercise Program • **1:30pm** Beaver Island Waste Management Committee • **4pm** BIA Board Meeting	**22** • **5pm** Time for Art	**23** **Happy Thanksgiving Day** • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **10am** Pickleball • **10am** Thanksgiving Service at Beaver Island Christian Church • **1pm** Games Galore • **5pm** Burger & a Beer • **6pm** Thanksgiving Dinner at Gregg Fellowship Center	**24** • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program • **10:45pm** Dark Sky Event: Jupiter shines brightest and hugs the moon	**25** • **1pm** Lego Club • **4pm** Movie The Little Mermaid • **7pm** Movie The Little Mermaid Live Action
26 • **10am** Beaver Island Christian Church Worship • **12:15 pm** Sunday Mass	**27** • **5pm** All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad • **4:16am** Beaver Moon	**28** • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Exercise Program	**29**	**30** • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **1pm** Games Galore • **5pm** Burger & a Beer		

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WHAT IS A BEAVER MOON?

By Amy Marschner

Every full moon has a specific time and unique name. The Beaver Moon is the title for the full moon in November most common across the Northern Hemisphere. In the past, this was the time that beavers were highly active as they were preparing to gather food and build their dams before the swamps froze. As a result, this became a favorite and bountiful time for Native Americans and colonists to set traps for the fur trade.

On Nov 19, 2021 — The Beaver Moon lunar eclipse was the longest in 580 years, at three and a half hours. On **Tuesday, November 27, 2023,** the full moon, also known as Beaver Moon, will take place at **4:16 am EDT** and their will also be a lunar eclipse where the moon, the earth, and the sun would be in a straight line. Mark your calendars and let's add one more tradition to the Island by watching the Beaver Moon!

BROADBAND UPDATE- FIBER TO ISLAND MOVES FORWARD

By Kevin Boyle and Dick Mulvihill

Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) and collaborator 123Net executives, who will build the submarine fiber optic cable UP/LP link with the island as a connecting midpoint, along with federal official Ben Fineman, NTIA, and state executive Jessica Randall, MIHI visited the island to discuss the submarine fiber build-out plan.

An evening welcome reception was followed by a full-day project deep dive. In the morning there was a meeting with community leaders to review the logistics: zoning, easement, environmental, and initial construction plans. That was followed by a tour of the island's telecommunications infrastructure and the island submarine ingress/egress locations. This was followed by an open-to-the-public session hosted at the Community Center, with PFN/123Net submarine middle mile and the NTIA/MIHI BEAD Last Mile presentations.

PFN stated the MIHI office input was instrumental in picking BI as the interconnect point between the UP and LP. For the last two years, the BIA JTAC has alerted the MIHI office that for the last 30 years BI has been unserved and unrepresented. So it wasn't just BI geographic location that was the only selection criteria.

"PFN is excited to kick off the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure project to bring better and faster broadband infrastructure to some of the largest underserved areas of our state, including Beaver Island," said Peninsula Fiber Network VP of Government Affairs Jennifer Greenburg. "Our team appreciated the warm welcome we received on Beaver Island and enjoyed meeting with local officials and residents to discuss the project, how it will work and how it will impact the island. The visit was extremely productive and helped flesh out details for how we will execute the project to improve connectivity on Beaver Island."

The NTIA/MIHI explained Michigan received $1.5B for BEAD, which is enough money if deployed to cover all served and underserved locations with Fiber To The Home (FTTH) on Beaver Island. Federal funds awarded to TDS under a separate program may prevent this from occurring, we will report on this in more detail in December.

Kevin Boyle (far left), Dick Mulvihill (far right), with Executives from PFN and 123Net

Ben Fineman

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BEAVER ISLAND HISTORY ADVENTURE

By Hunter Klaus

The students of West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science started their journey to Beaver Island bright and early on the morning of Sept 25. It was 6:00 am when the 31 8th grade students piled onto the school bus and headed north for Charlevoix. The air was filled with excitement as the ferry left the dock. For many, this was their first boat ride. It was a smooth ride crossing the lake and the excitement didn't wane as they arrived at the CMU Biological Station.

After settling in and eating dinner the students piled into vans and headed off to Mt Pisgah. The students of WMAES ran up and down the dune, racing each other and rolling in the sand. The chaperones watched them play as the sun set, knowing the more energy they got out now the easier it would be getting them into the bunks. The next day would be jam packed and the students would need all the sleep they could get.

The next morning was another early start. The students had breakfast and packed their sack lunches and were in the vans ready to go by 9:00 am on the dot. The day was started by visiting the Print Shop and Marine Museums then fossil hunting at Sucker Point. The sack lunches were devoured at the beautiful Bill Wagner campground and the students tried their hand at skipping stones as the wind picked up.

From there they traveled south to the Beaver Head Lighthouse and explored the old school grounds. A hike around Miller's Marsh got the students ready and excited to kayak and go fishing at Fox Lake. At Angeline's Bluff, the students observed the effects that isostatic rebound and changing lake levels have had on Beaver Island. What would any trip to Beaver Island be without a visit to Protar's tomb and cabin? The students ended their night and visit to Beaver Island gathered around a campfire on the beach making smores, some with new friends but all with new memories and stories to tell.

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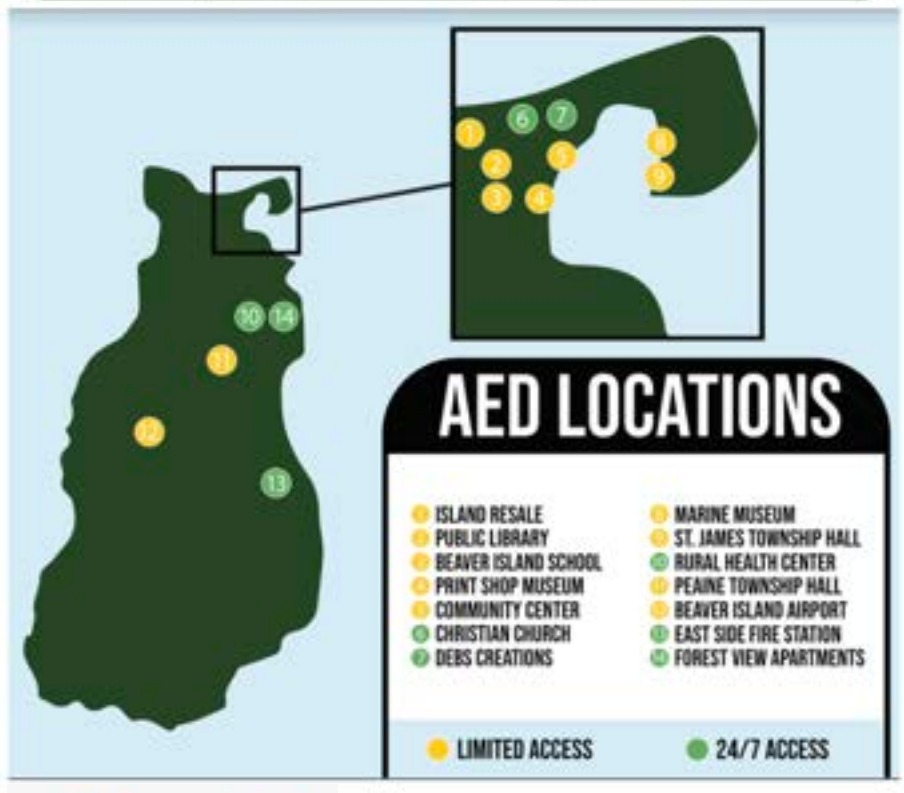

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Beaver Island Grandparents' Competitive Edge

By Connie Wojan

In 2012, at age 63, I had given up. Despite having made my mother and father grandparents in their late 40's my husband and I found ourselves "grandchild-less" in our mid-sixties. Our nest had been empty since the turn of the century. It seemed most of our friends had been basking in the joys of grandparenthood for at least a decade. "Don't worry," my dear friend Terry comforted me, "you will have grandchildren and they will probably come all at once." I wasn't convinced.

Then, at Christmas 2014 we learned our son's first child would arrive in June 2015. The following Memorial Day weekend we were overjoyed to learn our daughter was expecting in early November. So within four and a half months, we were blessed with two adorable grandsons! (Mason and John). Unknown to my husband and me at the time, another boy (Finn) would be born twenty-one months after his brother followed by our fourth (Jack) in April 2020. Terry was right: We went from zero to four grandsons in less than five years!

The center of our lives was forever changed. As I gazed upon their perfect faces my first thought was: How can we make them love and want to be with us? We were facing tough competition from my daughter-in-law's parents; wonderful people similarly enamored with oldest grandson Mason who was also their first grandchild. They are from Green Bay, Wisconsin a city full of child-wowing attractions like the Bayfront Amusement Park, monster truck exhibitions and most impressive of all: thrilling live appearances of PBS Kids "Wild Kratts" stars Chris and Martin Kratts!

John, my daughter's son, was to grow up in Ann Arbor, Michigan close to his father's large family who showered him with affection. There were many cousins to play with, especially beloved "Anthony" (one of his first words). Add to that the many enriching opportunities the Ann Arbor area has to offer: the Hands On Museum, U of M concerts, Natural History Museum (think dinosaur skeletons), and "the jumping place." No doubt about it, my husband and I and Beaver Island certainly had some hard acts to follow!

Our first ray of hope: the lure of the airplane! We shouldn't have been surprised that even before they could talk our grandsons were fascinated with vehicles. The oldest boys had their earphones on for their first plane ride before age six weeks and were hooked thereafter.

Next encouraging sign: They loved the beach. Is there anything young children enjoy more than becoming totally encrusted in sand while constructing a seagull feather adorned fortress encircled by a laboriously dug moat? The favorite Lake Michigan spot became the town beach with its play equipment and the opportunity to make summer friends. Despite grandma's nervous warnings to "be careful at the top" the boys soon gloried in scaling the scary giant slide that their parents had ascended 30 years prior.

As the boys grew and became old enough to appreciate more attractions the Island had to offer, we relaxed a bit. We could tell riding bikes on the Donegal Bay path and climbing Mt. Pisgah (better yet running down at top speed) were winning them over. When they asked to shop at the Toy Museum and to go around the Island with stops at the Big rock, Big birch and best of all, Grandpa's Applewoods (complete with wildlife viewing, BBQs, and Gator rides) our confidence grew.

So how did we know when we no longer had to worry about enticing them to come to Beaver Island despite all the big city attractions it lacked? It was the words of the boys themselves: "I want to get stuck" (Mason), "I don't want to leave" (a tearful John), "Can I go to your house, (Finn), "I go airplane" (Jack) and finally, "BI Grandma" the name the boys coined for me.

As the insecurities of those first years of grandparenthood faded, I realized what many more experienced Beaver Island grandparents know: It is not a competition. You can't "make" your grandchildren want to visit you. All you have to do is share Beaver Island's simple pleasures and the unconditional love you felt for them the minute they were born.

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This four bedroom, two bathroom home is just East of Appleby's Point on a lot that has 125.78' of Lake Michigan frontage. The lot extends across South End Road with a good lake view of the frontage on the South side of the road. This lake lot is almost 1,000 feet deep with its North line against State land. The beach is stony but the water view of the Big Lake and Appleby's Point and sunsets about 4 months of the year, make this a beautiful family home or retirement site. The upper level of the house is 1,248 sq. ft. of beautifully finished living area with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. There is an additional, large bedroom with 2 full size beds and 2 twin beds in the lower level. The whole house was built above grade with the lower walk-out level cement block basement construction. The home was built in 2000 but the owners put a new metal roof on it 3 years ago. It has a 200' deep well with very good water, a brand new electrical water heater and a propane central heating furnace. In addition, the owners installed and have used for many years, an outside wood boiler for winter time heating of the house (cut your own fuel). In the lower level the owners have set up a sitting, reading, TV room that is very comfortable on the lakeside of the downstairs but is not finished. The lower level has a lot of storage room and racks. There are large decks on the South and East side of the house and a narrower deck with access stairs to the upper level on the West side of the house. The great room that includes the kitchen, dining and living room area has windows on the East, West and South side. All of the appliances are fairly new and stay with the house. Behind the house is a 24x24 slab floor garage for car storage or all of your toys and maybe a workshop. The replacement cost of this property today would be right around $747,000. It therefore is a bargain for someone to buy at the asking price of **$385,000**

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NOVEMBER IS.....

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

Each year in November, writers set forth the task of completing a novel during National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). It's a challenge most writers strive to undertake at least once in their lifetime, even if they never intend to publish it.

Get Writing

1. Organize, organize, organize. Find a little space in your home that you can designate just for writing, organize all the tools you'll need right there, and make it creative!

2. How are you going to do the writing? Do you prefer to handwrite everything, or would you rather type? Whichever you choose, make sure you have everything you'll need to take that route.

3. Gather your gear. Add a large notepad, a laptop, sticky notes, a variety of pens and pencils, and maybe even a bulletin board to your writing space so you're prepared and motivated.

4. Get inspired and brainstorm. Do you have something you've been dying to write about, or do you still need to come up with an idea? Put on some good music and let your creative juices flow.

5. How are you going to promote yourself? Have an idea in mind of how you're going to publish (if you plan to) and how you are going to get the word about your new novel. Start marketing!

6. Create your outline. Even if it's just a basic skeleton, create a basic outline of what you want your story to look like so you have something to refer back to if you ever get writer's block.

7. Start writing and hold yourself accountable to work on your novel even if you aren't always in the mood. Pushing yourself creatively could make for an amazing story, and will help your brain's health overall!

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

National Native American Heritage Month during November celebrates the diverse and rich culture, history, and traditions of Native people. The observance is also a time to educate anyone and everyone about the different tribes, raise awareness about the struggles native people faced as well as in the present. American Indian pictures, words, names, and stories are a crucial part of American history and help mold our life today. Read a book about Native Americans- authors

NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH

Join the Bookies of Beaver Island (BOBI) for their monthly discussions on the third Wednesday of each month. October's read is Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult. For a complete list of upcoming books stop into the Library.

It's Here! The new Book Sale Building arrived on the dock in October.
Soon to be placed at the library! The new building purchased with funding from a request from Jan Gerson's estate will be located on the library grounds to house our Book Sale! We are so excited to see it here! Stop by and check it out!

CLOSED THANKSGIVING

November 24-25: OPEN 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.Island District *Library to check out a book or two.*

GOOD THINGS HAPPENED AT THE LIBRARY!

On Sept 5, Author Alan Gratz visited the Library. Alan spent time with the school kids earlier in the day and then was at the library in the evening. He spoke about each of his books and the inspiration behind his writings. He answered questions from the audience and then signed books. A very interesting presentation and discussion..

On Oct. 4 National Coffee with a Cop Day was enjoyed at the Library with the presence of our two deputies, Joe Callian and Neal Green. The 3rd and 4th grades stopped in to have lemonade and donut holes with our friendly officers. Other community members stopped by as well to thank them for their service and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea/hot chocolate with them.

On Oct. 11 was Library Pals- our fall Library Pals kicked off with numerous adults reading with the 3rd and 4th grades, as well as our homeschooled kids. We had 9 kids and 10 adults to read with them.

On Oct. 14th The Annular Solar Eclipse Viewing party at the Library featured eclipse glasses and more during the two-hour eclipse. We only had a partial here- about 34%, but we had a live feed from NASA from more viewing stations around the country. Activities and food rounded out the offerings. Next solar eclipse is April 8 and then there won't be another for decades!

OTHER REGULAR FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Lego Club is at the Library at a different time- 1 p.m. on Saturdays. All ages are welcome! Join in fun challenge followed by free build time. Snacks, of course, are offered as well. It takes energy to create!

Story Hours with Maeve are on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Coming soon, a Babe and Toddlers story time! A grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will help us set this up!

BOBI- Book Club will be reading Everything I never Told you by Celeste Ng. The discussion will take place on Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. Zoom link will be available. A list of future titles are available at the Library.

Other Days/Weeks to Celebrate in November:

Nov. 1- National Author's Day
Nov. 8- National STEM/ STEAM Day
Nov. 13- World Kindness Day
Nov. 16- National Rural Health Day- Do something nice for our health care workers
Nov. 6-11- Children's Book Week
Nov. 7-13- National Book Awards Week

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED AT BIDL on NOVEMBER 11TH

We need help at the Library on Nov. 11th, 10 a.m. Outside work that needs to be done before winter include: Clearing up the grounds- leaves and branches picked up. Taking down the book tent and moving the books and tables into the new building. Moving the planters and pulling the plants (Anyone want to keep the fern hanging planters?) Cleaning and moving the table and chairs into the library. Pack and store Fairy Garden displays. Cover the outside Book Library and remove those books to inside for storage. Taking down and bringing in the table umbrella

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American Diabetes Month

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Extreme fatigue. Blurry vision. Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal.
Weight loss—even though you are eating more (type 1).
Tingling, pain, or numbness in the hands/feet (type 2).

Overweight? Smoke? High blood pressure? Let's talk.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Fewer than 1 in 7 lung cancer patients will be diagnosed in the earliest stage, when the disease is most treatable. Screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose CT scans can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives.

You may qualify for Medicare or insurance-approved lung cancer screening if:

- You are between the ages of 50 and 80.
- You currently smoke or quit smoking within the last 15 years AND have or had a tobacco smoking history of at least 20 "pack years" — an average of 1 pack a day for 20 years
- You do NOT have: a persistent cough, chest pain, shortness of breath, hoarseness, chronic bronchitis or unexplained weight loss.

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disorder, NOT a normal part of aging.
More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's.
The Alzheimer's Foundation of America offers Virtual Memory Screenings. Find out more at
https://alzfdn.org/memory-screening-2/virtual-memory-screenings/

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15 Weds – Dr. Aaron Wilkin, Lakeshore Chiropractic 231-237-0665

20 Mon – Dr. Daniel Mann, Family Health 231-448-2275

23 & 24 Thurs & Fri – Thanksgiving Holiday
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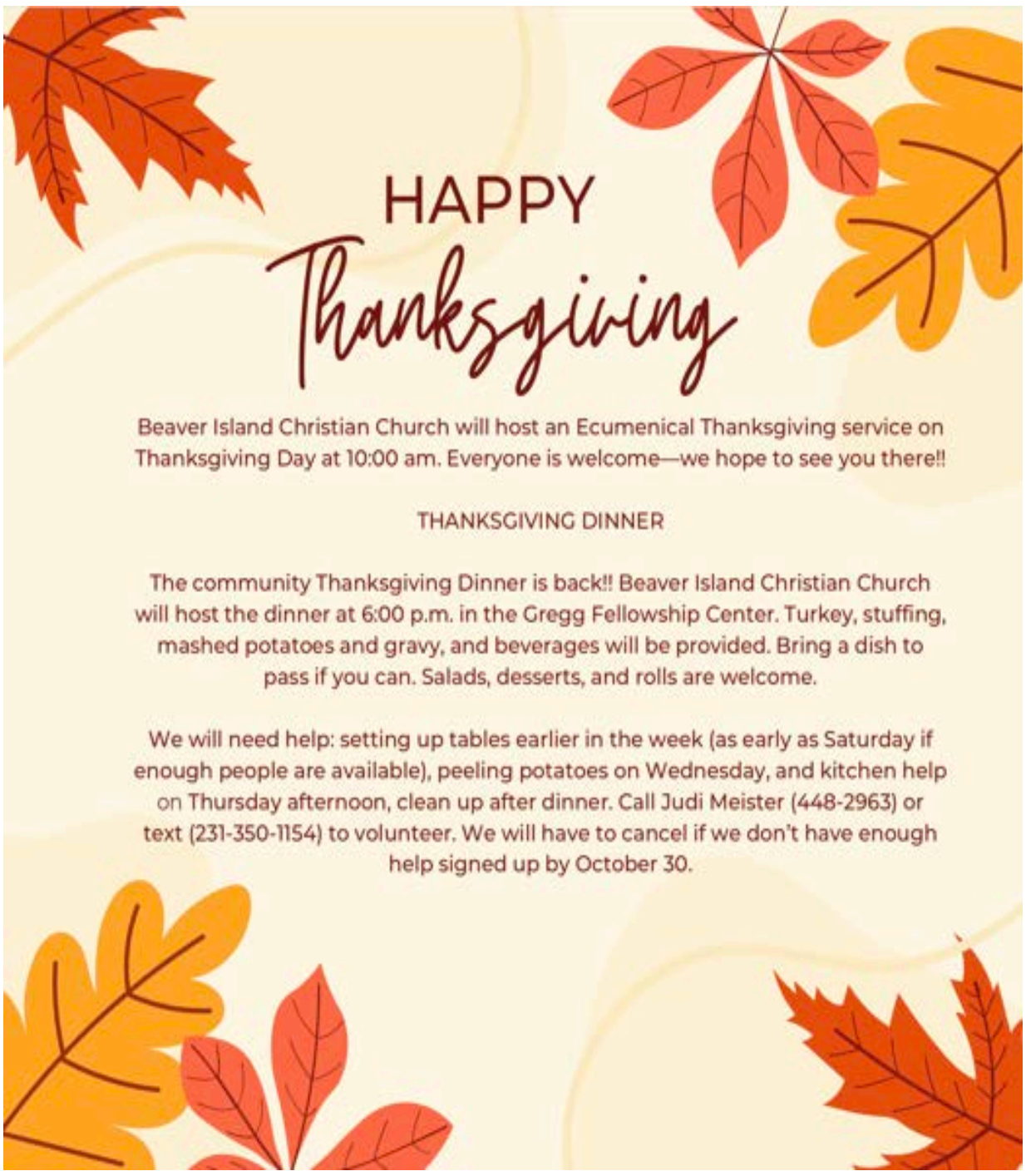
HAPPY
Thanksgiving
Beaver Island Christian Church will host an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome—we hope to see you there!!
THANKSGIVING DINNER
The community Thanksgiving Dinner is back!! Beaver Island Christian Church will host the dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gregg Fellowship Center. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass if you can. Salads, desserts, and rolls are welcome.
We will need help: setting up tables earlier in the week (as early as Saturday if enough people are available), peeling potatoes on Wednesday, and kitchen help on Thursday afternoon, clean up after dinner. Call Judi Meister (448-2963) or text (231-350-1154) to volunteer. We will have to cancel if we don't have enough help signed up by October 30.

SOME FACTS THAT SURPRISE: BAROQUE ON BEAVER

By Matt Thomas

On Sunday, December 10, 4:00 at the BIC Center, a different type of holiday music concert will be heard – a "candlelight" concert of seasonal music, carols, and readings.

It may surprise that the concert performance will be free-of-charge. The cost is being underwritten by the Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance, parent organization of Baroque. "It's our gift to the community - a way of saying thanks for the island's gracious hospitality toward us each season," said Board member Lois Sowa Stipp. "We are very grateful for the welcome our musicians receive each summer. We are also excited to be a part of the island's holiday season offerings, like the Christmas Cantata (presented December 3), tree lighting, and sleigh rides." It may also be a surprise that the concert is presented in partnership with the BIC Center and the Beaver Island Community School, where the performers will entertain the island's students on Monday.

December 11. "We have teamed up with the BIPAA to present the BI Jazz Series and other events for the last two years," notes BIC Center Executive Director Paul Cole. "We believe in these organizational connections and their power to serve the island's residents. We are stronger together."

The musicians who will perform all have surprising résumés. There will be four vocal soloists accompanied by pianist **Dorothy Vogel**, a faculty member at Northwestern Michigan College who also teaches on the summer piano faculty at Interlochen Center for the Arts, is Principal Pianist of the Traverse Symphony, and maintains an independent piano studio in Traverse City, Michigan. **Karen Cook** (soprano) is an active choral artist with ensembles across the country and sings regularly with the Berwick Chorus of the Oregon Bach Festival and the Spoleto Festival USA Chorus. **Erika Morrison** (alto) has appeared with the Terre Haute Symphony Chorus, Richmond Symphony Chorus, Oak Park Summer Sing, and Masterworks Music Festival in Indiana and Ohio. **Matthew Cook**, Ph.D. (tenor) is Associate Professor of Cultural Geography and Historic Preservation at Eastern Michigan University, and also has a degree in vocal music from EMU (don't be surprised that he sings professionally while teaching full time.) **Thaddaeus Bourne** (baritone) is a 2022 Latin GRAMMY® Award-winning vocalist, serves as Visiting Assistant Professor of Voice at the University of Florida, and has sung over forty roles across Europe, Latin America, and the U.S.

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TRIED AND TRUE FAMILY FAVORITES
BY RACH BECKER

FROM THE KITCHEN OF JUDY GALLAGHER

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JUDY HAS HAD A LIFELONG PASSION FOR COOKING. SHE LOVED TO COOK WITH HER MOM, NAOMI, IN THEIR KITCHEN IN IMLAY CITY, MICHIGAN. THE RECIPE BELOW HAS BEEN A STAPLE IN THEIR FAMILY SINCE MAY 6, 1943. GEORGE AND NAOMI TAACK HAD FOUR CHILDREN, JUDY WAS THE SECOND-BORN WITH AN OLDER SISTER AND YOUNGER TWIN BROTHERS.

WHEN I ASKED JUDY TO TELL ME SOME SPECIAL THINGS ABOUT HER MOM, HER REPLY WAS, "SHE HAD A GREAT VOICE AND LOVED TO SING. SHE ENJOYED READING AND GOING TO THE BOOK CLUB. SHE WAS A LEADER FOR THE ALTAR SOCIETY. SHE ALSO HAD A QUICK WIT AND A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD BRIDGE PLAYER. SHE WAS ALWAYS A HARD WORKER AND A BIT OF A TASK MASTER IN SEEING THAT WE KIDS DID OUR SCHOOLWORK AND CHORES. SHE WAS ALWAYS FUN TO BE AROUND."

BLASTA! (IRISH FOR YUMMY)

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- 6 CLOVES OF GARLIC
- 1 LARGE BUNCH OF FRESH PARSLEY
- 1 GREEN, RED, AND YELLOW PEPPER
- 6 BAY LEAVES
- 2 TEASPOONS OF MACE
- ADD CAYENNE PEPPER TO TASTE

FRY PORK IN HEAVY PAN. DRAIN PORK AND SET ASIDE IN A BOWL-RESERVING 2 TBS OF OIL FOR SAUTEING ONIONS. WHEN BROWNED, RETURN PORK TO PAN AND ADD TOMATOES, AND TOMATO PASTE (RINSE THE CANS WITH WATER YOU ALSO ADD IN). ADD ALL OTHER INGREDIENTS, CHOPPING THE PARSLEY AND PEPPERS. COOK SLOWLY 6 HOURS A DAY FOR 2 DAYS (ADD MORE WATER OR V-8 JUICE IF NEEDED). SERVE OVER COOKED SPAGHETTI AND TOP WITH PARMESAN CHEESE.

SHARE YOUR FAMILY RECIPES

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POEM BY JOSEPH SLANEY
Buck Pole Bust

With a hefty ten-pointer,
bagged to the west of Conn's Cove,
in his big rig ripsnorter,
rattles Mike to the Buck Pole.

But where is Dan Mulligan
to tally and to pull high?
At home, watching Michigan
battle the mighty Buckeyes.

CALLING ALL ISLANDERS

We are preparing to decorate Heritage Park for Fall. Please help and donate a decorated pumpkin and we will supply the flameless candles.

Oct 15 - Nov 5

BLAST FROM THE PAST BEAVER BEACONS-
A FEW STORIES FROM NOVEMBER 1955

Shared by Amy Marschner

THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY is now ready to accept memberships. Regular membership $3 - Contributing membership $10- Sustaining membership $100 - Life membership $500. Contact the committee: Art Johnston, Dr. Vail, chariman, Dick and Archie LaFreniere, and Lloyd McDonough. By joining the BIHS a person also becomes an Associate member of the Historical Society of Michigan. Join in the restoration of our historical sites.

DAY O' THE MONTH...HALLOWE'EN. A new twist in the direction of the old idea was given this year at the children's Hallowe'en Party. Hallowe'en derives its name fom the "Holy Evening", the eve before the feast of All Saints. It was originally an evening spent in doing good things in preparation for the feast day... a long way from wilful desctruction of property. So the Junior class sponsored a movement on Oct. 31st this year in an attempt to restore Hallowe'en to its rightful dignity. Boys and girls were encouraged to imitate and helped to dress like "holy people". Awards went to Eddie and Jeanie Wojan for their impersonation of a Franciscan Friar and Dominican Nun; also to Barbara (the Angel) Gatliff, and to Margaret, Pauline and Sara Kenwabikise, the Three (Good) Little Bears. There were plenty of games, apples, candy and cookies. Everyone had much more fun substituting good things for TRICKS with TREATS.

FISH FACTS- According to Mike Cull, Mr. Warren Ballard of Saginaw spent last week on the Island buying perch for shipment out of his Saginaw frozen fish processing plant. He bought around 2500 lbs. and mentioned the possibility of a packing plant on the Island if local fisherman were able to supply enough fish. He paid 7cents per lb. with an added 3 cent bonus. Those in on the deal last week were Mike and Roland Cull, Leo Chapman and Art Larsen. Mr. Ballard purchased all the fish these men caught and plans to return for more. He left two electric fish scalers for use in Mike Cull's fish locker. Mike says it sure gives them a quick shave.

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RESPECTING THE GODS, OR NOT

By Glen Felixson

There is a mound of dirt covered with weeds across from what used to be Swede's Villa on Beaver Island. Under those weeds lies the remains of a Viking long ship. At least that's what a 10 year old kid with an over-developed Norse mentality thought.

In reality, it's a big old wooden fisherman's skiff my dad got from Art Larson, a local fisherman in the 1950's. It was a big, heavy clunk of a boat. Simply made but sturdy. I can still picture Art and his dog Breaker putting across the harbor, heading to the Shamrock Bar for the evening social time with maybe a few beers. He'd laugh if he had heard it that way. Art was a fisherman, enough said. Well, before I get carried away with incidentals, back to the kid.

I was told by my Ma that our blood is 98% Swedish. Not that it means a hill of beans, but to the kid, it did. Plus my Grandma on my Ma's side had a maiden name of Alexandersson, a part of Swedish aristocracy. Okay, I'll shut up about it already.

As you can guess, I (or the kid) was prone to excuses to say the least. So, when I got a bug in my skinny little butt to prove my Viking man or kid-hood, I did it. In this case it was to row out into a nasty Northeastern rolling into the harbor with white-capped five footers. As I'm rowing around Whiskey Point past the Coast Guard Station, of course one of the Guardsmen spots me. He knows me and the boat. I'm about 100 yards offshore, rowing with every inch of me. God only knows where I was going. It probably didn't matter. Common sense didn't enter into it.

I was making headway. The Guardsman is screaming like crazy to no avail. They called my old man , I saw the big door of the boathouse fly up, which means a boat is about to be launched. To me, it is now or never., especially when "snap" I break an oar. I go flying up to the bow, grab the bowline, shake my little fist into the storm and hollered as loud as I could... "Come on Oden, give me all you got!"

Well, that was it. A big wave comes over the bow and washes my dumb Viking butt clear back to the stern, about 12 feet. Me, the swamped boat, broken oar and all get washed ashore just left of the station. The Coast Guard Guys (by now there is more than one) plus my old man wade out and drag me and the boat ashore.

They're all wet and not at all impressed with me and my little man-proving Viking adventure. My pa kicks my butt all the way home. Plus I had to find the oar. Try that one. They just did't understand. (But my ma did). Ja Skoll !

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BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE NEWS

By Jacque LaFreniere

Rifle Raffle Tickets are now on sale from any board member- $10 each or 11 for $100. Grand prize is a .243 Weatherby Vanguard Rifle. Other prizes include a Fishing Trip with Kelly Day Charter for 4 people, Pyke Gear Dakota pants, Hunting Call Package [Lynch's Fool Proof Box Turkey Call, Woodhaven Custom Calls Whitetail Ninja Intimidator (Deer call), Zepp's 1080 Predator Call, Duck Commander Triple Threat Duck Call], Camping package [Stansport trophy hunter 3 person dome tent, Rogue Expedition Canvas rectangular sleeping bag], Bushnell Legend 10x50 Binoculars, Simmons Pro Hunter 750 Rangefinder, $100 Cabela's Gift card, 2- Muddy Pro cam 2.0 Packages, and a $150 Gift Card to Powers Hardware.

Annual Harold Lounsberry Memorial Hunter's Dinner: The Raffle will take place on Nov. 17 at the Shamrock during the dinner. The Shamrock really puts on the feed including some unusual items. Tickets will be on sale there also and you can renew your membership, make a donation, pick up a Beaver Island Successful Hunter Patch, and participate in some in-person only raffles. The 52-card raffle (only 52 cards will be sold during the dinner for $20 each) will be for a 20 gauge pump Benelli shotgun. There are usually three or four 50/50 raffles during the evening too.

Roy Elsworth Memorial Big Buck Contest- The sign up for the Big Buck Contest is at the hardware. Buy in is $20 and must be paid before the end of their business day on Nov. 14. The buck must be scored on island. The contest will cover Firearm season (Nov. 15-30) and Muzzleloader season (Dec. 1-10).

Biggest Doe Contest: There will also be a Big Doe Contest for Firearm season only (Nov. 15-30). The weigh-in will be at the Boat Dock. Doe must be field dressed completely-heart and lungs too! Prize will be $100 cash.

Furbabies of Beaver Island

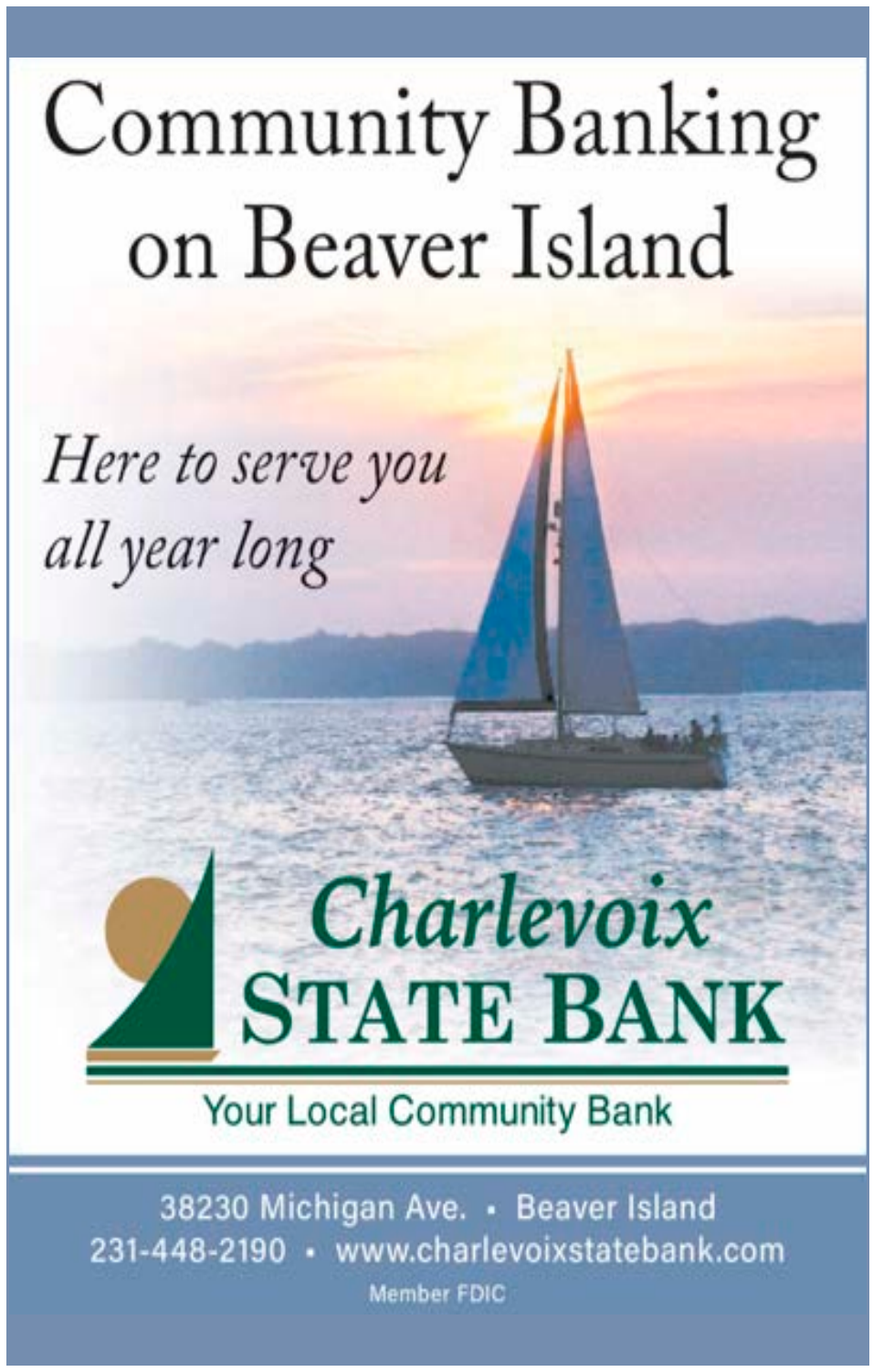
MEET COREY LAKE AND HENRIETTA WHISKEY
By Amy & Eric Marschner

Corey is the matriarch (eight year old German Short Haired Pointer) while “Heni” is our two-year-old Weimaraner baby. From the moment we brought her home, they were instant best friends and inseparable. Corey, a cancer survivor, all but gave up and lost her zip in her step. As it turns out, Heni was the chemotherapy no doctor could prescribe.

Fast forward, and Corey Lake is as playful as Henrietta. Corey has taught Heni about dog life and Heni has reminded Corey how to be naughty and sassy again.

You can find them together, chasing anything that moves, howling, snuggling, helping us cook, and providing endless love and kisses. They love boodling and their favorite words are “Car Riding.”

These two have the most amazing, unique, silly, and charasmatic personalities that provide endless love and smiles. We can’t think of a single day without these silly fools, you complete our pack and we love them infinitely.



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